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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **MICHAEL R. HARDRICK**, age 31, of 1648 Hale Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to possession with intent to distribute cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The maximum potential penalties are 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 3 years.

Hardrick, who was previously a convicted drug trafficking felon, admitted that on January 17, 2006, he possessed a .45 caliber Colt pistol and seven rounds of ammunition along with 2.29 grams of crack cocaine which he intended to distribute.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell and was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

The plea was entered before Charles R, Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Hardrick is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Simpson on January 16, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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